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Applicants : Dieter LEHMANN et al. Confirmation No. 5407
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For : RADICALLY COUPLED PTFE POLYMER COMPOUNDS AND METHOD
FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated November 16, 2009, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until February 16, 2010.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to expiration of the three-month shortened statutory period, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time and/or fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, including any extension of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, Applicants expressly request any necessary extension of time and authorize the charging of any required fee, including any required claim fee and/or extension of time fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Amendments to the Claims appear in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein.